

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY MEETING**

Minutes of Township Authority Meeting held October 7, 2014

A special meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Chairman William C. Seeds, Sr., on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Authority members present in addition to Mr. Seeds were: William B. Hawk, William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, David Blain, Robin Lindsey, and Justin Eby. Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lindsey led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the August 26, 2014 and September 16, 2014 Authority Board minutes. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No comments were provided.

Board Members' Comment

No comments were provided

New Business

Resolution 14-11; authorizing submission to PennDOT requesting
re-imbursement and sewer work to be incorporated into the I-83 project

Mr. Wolfe noted by this resolution the Authority is requesting reimbursement in the amount of 50% of all costs incurred for the adjustment to a manhole to match the final grade of Route 22 and the abandonment of approximately 40 feet of sanitary sewer pipe with the installation of a new manhole and replacement of the 40 feet of sanitary sewer pipe. He noted

that this work is to be included in the contract that PennDOT will let for the I-83 work. He noted that the Authority will not be performing this work, but will be responsible for 50% of its cost by this resolution. He noted that PennDOT is doing the ground work now to get this action from the Authority so that it can be included in the project having only one contractor on site at the time the work is performed. He noted that staff supports the request and desires to have the Authority act on this resolution this evening.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 14-11; authorizing submission to PennDOT requesting reimbursement and sewer work to be incorporated into the I-83 project. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 14-12; authorizing submission to PennDOT requesting 50% reimbursement for manhole adjustments on Linglestown Road

Mr. Seeds noted that this resolution is requesting 50% reimbursement for manhole adjustments on Linglestown Road.

Mr. Wolfe noted that this a request for 50% reimbursement for nine manhole covers. He noted that they are located in Linglestown Road, east of the Village of Linglestown. He noted that it is a portion of the road that was previously reconstructed by PennDOT under a contract that was closed out about two years ago. He noted since that project was closed out, the manholes have been problematic. He noted that they are a tad too low and they have been the source of a significant amount of complaints from motorists who drive Linglestown Road. He noted that the cost to adjust the nine manholes is approximately \$9,000 and PennDOT will pay 50% of these costs. He noted that this work could be included in the ongoing contract that the Township has in the area with one of the sanitary sewer contractors. He noted that the Authority would not have to bid this as it can operate under an existing contract.

Mr. Eby made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-12; authorizing submission to PennDOT requesting 50% reimbursement for manhole adjustments for nine manhole covers in Linglestown Road. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Lindsey noted that she had a question regarding a bill for \$65,500 from HRG for inspection of paving on the roads for the Authority. She stated that she was under the impression that Public Works employees use to do that in the past and now we have changed that and HRG is doing that work. Mr. Wolfe answered that we never used Public Works employees other than for spot checks to do inspections on sanitary sewer jobs that he is aware of. Mrs. Lindsey requested Mr. Wolfe to check into this. She suggested that it was a lot of money for them to be inspecting blacktop when... Mr. Wolfe explained that it is more than inspecting blacktop, it is an onsite inspection while the blacktop is being prepared to make sure that it is placed at the right temperature, right thickness and the right grade so that water flows properly and that the manholes are properly adjusted, unlike we had on Linglestown Road. He noted that it is more than just a spot inspection, it is not oversight but it is inspection while the work is being performed.

Mr. Seeds noted that he saw that check as well but he did not have an opportunity to look at it. He thought that the \$65,000 was for other inspections like daily ongoing sewer inspections that GHD provides the Authority with. Mr. Wolfe noted that we have four outstanding sanitary sewer contracts, with four inspectors from the Sewer Department, two or three from GHD and when we need additional inspectors depending on the work to be done, then we ask HRG for inspection services. He noted that he will investigate the question.

Mr. Hornung questioned if it was a bill through for the inspection with very little added on to it, is that part of this. Mr. Wolfe answered that is the inspection service agreement with GHD and it provides for full time inspection except for holidays and days that we are shut down due to weather. He noted under that project, consulting services, GHD provides us with inspectors at their cost, which is a rate based equivalent to our own employees. He noted when we use HRG Inspectors we are paying the going rate for consulting services. He noted that these are HRG Inspectors who are provided for overflow services because either we don't have enough in-house inspectors or GHD does not have enough in-house so we need to use a third vendor to secure inspections services.

Mr. Hornung questioned if we can negotiate a deal with HRG. Mr. Wolfe answered that we probably could but they are not looking at the volume of work that we provide to GHD for sanitary sewer so their ability to negotiate the amount will be less significant than what it would be for GHD.

Ms. Lindsey noted that she contacted Mr. Weaver and he said that GHD was down an inspector so that is why they were using HRG personnel. She asked if it is more expensive to use HRG over GHD. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. He noted that Mr. Hornung referenced the fact that we have an agreement with GHD that provides for inspectors at a rate that is comparable within dollars to the hourly rate for our own employees but we get those inspectors at a full time basis. He noted that we pledged to GHD that if you give us an inspector on a full time basis we will pay him on a full time basis and as a result we are getting them at a significantly reduced rate. He noted that GHD is providing the Authority their employee but not making any money on them, but they are not losing any money either. He noted that HRG is in a different position. He noted that we only call them when we absolutely need them as they don't have a volume service agreement with the Lower Paxton Township Authority. He noted that we are just like any other client calling them and saying we need an inspector, can you send one down. He noted that we are paying their going consultant rate for an inspector which is probably double what we would pay GHD.

Ms. Lindsey questioned how long it would be before GHD can get another inspector. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know, but he would check. Ms. Lindsey noted that it is a lot of taxpayer's money.

Mr. Hornung explained to Ms. Lindsey that when he and Mr. Seeds first came on the Board 20 year ago, the inspections were not as prevalent and we ended up with substandard roads. He noted that Mr. Wolfe bought equipment to do core drillings as the Township got a lot of roads that were not where they should have been. He noted that we are now paying the price to have those roads rehabbed doing things to straighten out the problems. He noted, at that time, the Board requested Mr. Wolfe to always have full time inspectors while paving was going on since there was so much substandard paving in the past. He noted that is why they are there. He noted if we tried doing it on a periodic basis, when you come back and core drill, then you are forced to get the builder to dig a road back up, and they would rather forfeit the bond money since it would be cheaper for them to do that as it is more expensive to redo the road. He noted that fixing the road then becomes an added expense to the Township since the bond money would not cover it.

Adjournment

Mr. Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William L. Hornung
Authority Secretary